

HAN: MDHHS Recommends LHDs Statewide to Conduct Outreach & Vaccinate High Risk Groups for Hep A

MDHHS has been given permission from the CDC to expand the vaccination campaign to high risk individuals across the state to prevent additional spread of the hepatitis A outbreak. The high risk groups outlined in the <u>MDHHS Strategic</u> <u>Prioritization for Primary Prevention Vaccination</u> for the hepatitis A outbreak include:

- Persons who use injection or non-injection drugs
- Men who have sex with men
- Persons who are currently homeless or in transient living conditions
- Persons who have been recently incarcerated
- Persons with chronic liver disease

CDC continues to identify the adult hepatitis A vaccine supplies as constrained. Constrained means the vaccine supplies to the state have been limited by CDC, however MDHHS has determined there is enough vaccine available to support hepatitis A vaccination efforts statewide both in outbreak and non-outbreak jurisdictions. All LHDs are encouraged to conduct outreach and vaccinate high risk groups.

Please note, ACIP recommendations should continue to be followed per standard protocols. There is no change to those routine activities.

Additional information can be found on the michigan.gov/hepatitisAoutbreak website.

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